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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SENV, ENRG, CA  
SUBJECT: NDP OPPOSES NORTHERN PIPELINE

1. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, EDWARD BROADBENT, FEDERAL NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP) LEADER, HAS EXPRESSED NDP OPPOSITION TO MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE. HE WILL SEEK A PIPELINE DEBATE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS IN EFFORT TO BLOCK CONSTRUCTION.

2. BROADBENT'S FORUM FOR ANNOUNCEMENT WAS KIWANIS CLUB LUNCHEON IN TORONTO. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS HE SAID, "THE PIPELINE PROPOSAL IN CANADIAN TERMS IS UNNECESSARY AND UNREALISTIC . . . THERE ISN'T YET ENOUGH KNOWN GAS TO MAKE IT WORTHWHILE; THE COST OF BUILDING IT IS PROHIBITIVE; THE METHOD OF BUILDING IT IS UNPROVEN; ITS FINANCING IS UNSOUND AND UNREASONABLE; AND WITH MANY YEARS OF RESERVES, CANADIAN NEED FOR NORTHERN GAS AT THIS TIME IS QUESTIONABLE."

3. ALTHOUGH BROADBENT PRIMARILY CRITICIZED CANADIAN ARCTIC  
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GAS PROPOSAL, HE ALSO EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH OTHER NORTHERN GAS PROJECTS.

4. WHILE AN ADDITIONAL CRITICISM WAS THAT PIPELINE WOULD PRIMARILY CARRY U.S. GAS TO U.S. MARKETS, HE ALSO SAID, "VENTURE CAPITAL WOULD BE THE FIRST TO DRY UP. CANADIAN COMPANIES WOULD HAVE TO GO BEGGING ELSEWHERE"

BECAUSE OF THE HUGE SIZE OF THE INVESTMENT INVOLVED.  
HE DESCRIBED CURRENT NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD HEARING  
A "CHARADE".

5. COMMENT: BROADBENT'S STATMENT, WHILE UNEXPECTED,  
IS NOT PARTICULARLY SURPRISING. NDP HAS GENERALLY  
BEEN CRITICAL OF MACKENZIE PIPELINE PROJECTS,  
THEIR EFFECT UPON NATIVE PEOPLES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
DAMAGE WHICH MIGHT OCCUR.  
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